

STATE OF ALABAMA

SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

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Permit Revision Number: R-48

REVISION TO PERMIT FOR SURFACE COAL MINING OPERATIONS

Pursuant to the Alabama Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, Act No. 81-435, and duly promulgated rules of the Commission, revision is hereby approved for permit:

P- 3232-01-23-U Murray Oak Grove Coal, LLC 46226 National Road St. Clairsville, OH 43950 (Oak Grove Mine)

License No.:

L-872

Pursuant to the

Permit map:

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Certified by:

Bradley K. Simmons P.E. 33277

Date: 11/20/2020

The permit is revised as follows:

- 1. Add 54 acres to Increment No. 1 for 2W fan site, substation, and power line.
- 2. Add 11 acres to Increment No. 1 for ancillary access roads.
- 3. Modify the general plan.

R-48 Finding 1: The Regulatory Authority has taken into account the effect of the proposed permitting action on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. By a letter dated October 2, 2020, the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO), upon review of the cultural resource assessment conducted for the project, determined that the project activities will have no effect on cultural resources eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historical Places and therefore concur with the proposed project activities. This finding is supported in part by inclusion of appropriate permit conditions or changes in the operation plan protecting historic resources, or a documented decision that the Regulatory Authority has determined that no additional protection measures are necessary. Concerns for unknown resources, which might be discovered during mining, have been made conditions of the permit.

R-48 Finding 2: In letters dated July 31 and August 27, 2020, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) suggested a biological survey be conducted by trained professionals for the project area. The closest sensitive species is recorded in the ADCNR database as occurring approximately 1.7 miles from the subject site. By comments dated August 14, 2020 the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) stated no federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the 2W Shaft Site area. By letter dated October 14, 2020, FWS concurred that the proposed Shaft Powerline Route project area contains approximately 26 acres of possible summer roosting habitat but is unlikely to impact the Indiana bat or northern long-eared bat, as tree removal will occur between October 15 and March 31. In the event that timber removal is necessary outside the recommended timber harvesting timeframe of October 15th through March 31st, Murray oak Grove Coal, LLC must conduct and get approval of a presence or probable absence survey prior to any disturbance within the designated potential

habitat areas. No other federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) stated the mine expansion site consists approximately 17 acres of non-jurisdictional dry land areas and as approximately 25 linear foot non-jurisdictional, culverted segment of a perennial tributary, by File Number SAM-2020-00877-JLB in letters dated October 13, 2020 and February 2, 2021. The ASMC finds that the proposed operation will not jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or critical habitat thereof.

R-48 Condition 1: Tree removal for the approximately 69 acres to be added by the Murray Oak Grove Coal, LLC, R-48 Shaft Powerline Route shall only occur from October 15th through March 31st.

R-48 Condition 2: If timber removal from the potential summer roosting habitat is necessary outside the October 15-March 31 timeframe, an Indiana bat and Northern Long-eared Bat Presence Probable Absence Survey and Fish and Wildlife approval must be submitted to ASMC prior to tree removal.

5 acres
2 acres
8 acres
880 acres

*Bonded to Date

All other terms and conditions remain in effect as well as all Findings in the original permit and any Findings appropriate for this revision. SM 2/9/2021 EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 2021

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I & E. Permit File cc: